(*a*) whether any proportion has been fixed in the recruitment of Inspectors and Sub-Inspectors in the Excise Department as between graduates and non-graduates;

(*b*) if so, what is the proportion; and

(*c*) whether the same proportion is observed in the case of fresh recruitments and in the case of promotions from subordinate grades?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The proportion of graduates to non-graduates is 3 to I.

(*c*) Yes.

Appointment of Excise Inspectors.

365. * **MR. K. PADMANABHAN** (*Chirayinkil I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the principle hitherto followed by them in the matter of appointing Excise Inspectors; and

(*b*) whether there has been a deviation from the usual practice and principles in recent times?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Appointment of Inspectors was made by means of promotion from the lower grades.

(*b*) The same principle is still followed. But recently it has been decided that competent graduates should be preferred to under-graduates who may even happen to be senior to such graduates and that the proportion of graduates to under-graduates in appointing Inspectors should be as 3:1.

Tobacco smuggling in Manjoor.

366. * **MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR** (*Vaikam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any representations from the people of Velloor, Melvelloor, etc., Vaikam, about the troubles they have to suffer from the tobacco smugglers of Manjoor and neighbouring places; and

(*b*) whether any enquiry was conducted?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The member is referred to the answer to part (*b*) of interpellation No. 368.

Statement, by caste, of appointments.

367. * **MR. G. NILAKANTAN** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number of persons, by caste, appointed during the past two years as Excise Inspectors?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): A *statement showing the number of persons, by caste, appointed during the past two years as Excise Inspectors is placed on the table.

Promotion of Excise Officer as Co-operative Inspector.

368. * **MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any instance of a Petty Officer or Sub Inspector from the Excise Department being promoted as Co-operative Inspector?

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* Vide Appendix XII.

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MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes. A Petty officer of the Excise Department was appointed as temporary Co-operati v Inspector in the year 1106 M. E.

Infant mortality in Vaikam.

369. ***MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR** (*Vaikam*) : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the infant mortality in Vaikam for the last three years (1108, 1109 and 1110) ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : A statement containing the required information is given below :

Year.		*Rate of infant mortality per 1000 registered live births.*
1108	...	113
1109	...	113
1110	...	93

Postings of Tahsildars.

370. ***MR. K. PADMANABHAN** (*Chirayinkil I*) : Will the Govern ment be pleased to state whether there is a rule or practice to the effect that only caste-Hindus could be posted as Tahsildars in certain places ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : There is no such rule. But in practice only caste-Hindus are posted as Tahsildars in certain taluks.

Disobedience of Government orders by Mr. E. I. Mathew, Retired Director of Registration.

371 ***MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla III*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether Mr. E. I. Mathew, the former Director of Regis tration, has disobeyed any of the orders of Government, and, if so, what; and

(*b*) the action taken by them in the matter ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Govei nn ent*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), this does not arise.

Schools not thrown open to all communities.

372. ***MR. K. M. KRISHNAN** (*Ambalapuzha II*) : Will the Govern ment be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether any of such Government schools to which Ezhavas and other depressed classes could not get admission have been thrown open to them ; if so, how many and where ; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the negative, whether they have tried to remove the obstructions for admission to such schools ?

MR C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : (*a*) Yes, four, at Neyyattinkara, Mavelikara, Thalavadi and Palai.

(*b*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), this does not arise.

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